

Leslie "Shorty" Dobbins, 62

Leslie Dobbins, 62, Groton died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001 at Aberdeen Living Center.

His funeral was Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001 at Groton C&MA Church, with the Rev. Bill Duncan officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Aberdeen, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.

Leslie "Shorty" Ernest Dobbins was born on March 6, 1939 to Perry and Julia (Turner) Dobbins in Sidney, Neb. He grew up around Lodgepole, Neb., and attended school in Sidney. He moved to South Dakota in 1967, where he worked as a custom combiner for Lawrence Bircham at Victor in the late 1960s. He then moved to Aberdeen and drove truck for several trucking companies out of Aberdeen. In 1972, he moved to Bath, where he worked for a farmer.

He married Linda Clark Brotzel, January 17, 1976 in Aberdeen. In 1979, the couple moved to a farm near Groton and resided there for ten years. Thereafter, they moved into Groton, where his family still resides. He entered the Aberdeen Living Center in May of 2001, where he resided until his death.

He enjoyed trucks, farming and listening to old-time country music. He also enjoyed watching western movies and Nascar Racing.

Survivors include his wife, Groton; two stepdaughters, Tracey (Jack) Lowary, Crete, Ill., and Tina Brotzel, Groton; four daughters, Kimberly (Dennis) Gretch, Sterling, Colo., Trixy Dobbins, Teresa Dobbins, Paula Dobbins, all of Groton; one son, Perryn Dobbins, Groton; two brothers, Eugene (Donna) Dobbins, St. Paul, Ind., and Kay (Myra) Dobbins, Fleming, Colo., seven grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Casketbearers were Steve Young, Steve Ackerman, Roger Metzinger, Roy Weismantel, Larry Joe Bircham and Harold Jones. Honorary casketbearers were his grandchildren.

